

univoltine, flying in late May and June, with a small second brood in southern England. However, the frequency of bivoltinism and the distribution of second brood records appears to be poorly documented.

Single males of this species were caught in the RIS light traps at Preston Montford, Shropshire (Site No. 382, O.S. Grid Ref. SJ 433 143) on 10.ix.1989 and Empingham, Leicestershire (Site No. 280, O.S. Grid Ref. SK 953 087) on 15.ix.1989. The usual first brood was represented in the catches at both sites during May and June of that year. Examination of the Insect Survey database, which contains 4,402 records of *L. thalassina*, reveals further captures of second brood individuals and these are summarised below.

Site	Site No.	Grid Ref.	Date	Total
Yarner Wood, Devon	266	SX 786 788	Aug. 1976	10
Starcross, Devon	149	SX 972 821	Aug. 1974	2
Writtle, Essex	87	TL 677 071	Sep. 1969	1
			Aug. 1971	14
			Sep. 1971	1
Broom's Barn, Suffolk	88	TL 752 656	Aug. 1972	2
			Aug. 1974	4
Aberystwyth, Dyfed	340	SN 629 837	Sep. 1982	2
Malham Tarn, Yorkshire	45	SD 894 672	Aug. 1982	1
Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham	39	NZ 275 515	Aug. 1987	1

These records confirm that, under favourable conditions, *L. thalassina* is partially bivoltine as far north as Yorkshire and Co. Durham. With the recent increased discussions on climatic change and its effect on the British fauna, it will be interesting to monitor the occurrence of second brood individuals in this and other partially bivoltine species of Lepidoptera. Our thanks are extended to the trap operators at the sites mentioned for their continued support.— ADRIAN M. RILEY, Dept. of Entomology and Nematology, AFRC Inst. Arable Crops Research, Rothamsted Exp. Stn, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

An early Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina* L.

Whilst collecting weevils (Coleoptera) on the undercliff at Eype's Mouth, Dorset, on 25th May 1990, I was surprised to see what appeared to be a male Meadow Brown flying in the early evening sunshine. After careful stalking, the identity of the butterfly was confirmed. It was quite fresh, and the spotting of the underside hindwing was conspicuously faint. I do not remember seeing Meadow Browns before the second week of June in southern England in other years. The phenomenally mild winter of 1989/90 and the very sheltered nature of the site may be significant. Other butterflies, notably Holly Blues, *Celastrina argiolus* L., have been remarkably early in 1990.— M.G. MORRIS, 7 Clarence Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2HF.